

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Applicants:** Simon F. Williams and David P. Martin**Serial No.:** 09/661,773**Art Unit:** 1627**Filed:** September 14, 2000**Examiner:** T. Bhatti**For:** *POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE COMPOSITIONS FOR SOFT TISSUE
REPAIR, AUGMENTATION AND VISCOSSUPPLEMENTATION*Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**AMENDMENT****Sir:**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2002, please amend the application as follows. It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission, however, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

In the Claims

1. (amended) A composition for the repair or augmentation of tissue in an animal or human, comprising

a biocompatible, bioabsorbable fluid which comprises a polyhydroxyalkanoate which is injectable into a human or animal for repair or augmentation of tissue.
7. (amended) The composition of claim [1] 5 wherein the particles have a diameter of less than about 500 μm .